

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 5 and 9-14 are allowed.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 4-5, and 9-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 12-13, and 15 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1.

Claim Amendments

Claim 4 has been amended to address a typographical error and now correctly depends from claim 1. Further, claim 15 has been amended to address an antecedent basis issue raised by the Examiner. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Further, Applicant requests entry of the amendments as the amendments do not necessitate a new search.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 has been amended to address a dependency issue raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, this objection is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 15 has been amended to address the antecedent basis issue raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 09669/089001).

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